



HILLSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Working in partnership with the community to provide public safety services which enhance the safety, security, and quality of life of the community.

Neighbor to Neighbor

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Winter 2015



Canine Therapy

Domestic Violence Survivors Have a New Friend

by Sharon Brown, Police Domestic Violence Program Coordinator



I'd like to tell you about a wonderful new addition to the Hillsboro Police Department's Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT) – a team of highly trained, committed volunteer advocates who respond on-scene to DV crimes with HPD officers, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

During a conference on crisis response to mass casualty situations, I started a conversation with Kathy Loter, the program coordinator of the DoveLewis Portland Area Canine Therapy Team program (PACTT). DoveLewis is a local non-profit, 24-hour emergency pet hospital that also sponsors many programs celebrating the benefits of incorporating pets into the wellness of people. PACTT is one such effort.

Highly trained dogs from Guide Dogs for the Blind and their handlers go through extensive training and assessment through DoveLewis to complete their certification in animal assisted therapy. The teams (currently 47) visit with people of all ages and walks of life, and a variety of settings, including long-term and skilled-care facilities, assisted living communities, hospitals, residential treatment centers, schools, libraries, physical rehabilitation clinics, adult day care facilities and hospice. Together, Kathy and I agreed - a PACTT would be a wonderful addition to the services provided by DVRT.

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Man 'In Crisis' Finds Support and Encouragement from Hillsboro Officer Officer Recognized for Going Above and Beyond

by Lieutenant Stacy Jepson and Sergeant Bruce Kelley, Patrol

During the early months of 2015, Hillsboro Police Officers were dispatched weekly to an area residence to deal with an intoxicated male. The man was routinely found to be increasingly aggressive and confrontational with law enforcement.

On one occasion, Officer Stewart Kelsey was dispatched to the man's home on a welfare check. While in route, he contacted the man by phone. During the conversation, the man sounded very confused and *in crisis*. Upon arrival, he found the man sitting on the ground with his face cradled in his hands. He was sobbing. Officer Kelsey was able to determine the man was not a threat to himself or others, but recognized that it appeared he had "hit rock bottom."



The man told Officer Kelsey that he had been sober for over 15 years until about a year ago. This step backwards had led to the eventual dissolution of his marriage, job loss, the depletion of his savings and he was receiving bills he could no longer pay. His search for work had been unsuccessful. His clothes were too big for him due to weight loss and they were dirty and in disrepair. Officer Kelsey provided the man with the phone number for the Washington County Crisis Line and stood with him while the man made the call and gave a synopsis of his life over the past year. During the phone call, the counselor was able to connect the man with resources that allowed him to be "fast-tracked" for treatment of his alcoholism. Officer Kelsey promised to return later in his shift to check on him and provide him with resource assistance information.

Officer Kelsey researched public assistance websites and printed the information. He then drove to Goodwill Industries and purchased a \$50 gift certificate using his own funds, in an effort to encourage the man to shop for clothing suitable for interviews. When given the certificate, the man enthusiastically said, "I'll go right now." He then walked from his residence to Goodwill to purchase dress clothes.

During the following weeks and months, Officer Kelsey continued to have regular contact with the man, in person and by phone. During these contacts, Officer Kelsey provided an empathetic ear, as well as support and encouragement. Though the man is still looking for employment, he volunteers with a number of area programs. He is in recovery and is clean and sober. Since the date of Officer Kelsey's contact with the man, Hillsboro Police Officers have not had to respond to his residence for a crisis situation or disturbance.

During one of the last meetings with Officer Kelsey, the man initiated a conversation about the first time they had discussed his life issues. The man wanted Officer Kelsey to know how important it was to him that

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Recruits Learn Skills Outside of What Many Might Consider the Usual Curriculum

Hillsboro police recruits attending their basic police academy, along with recruits from other police agencies across the state, share in their own words:

"We are taught the basics of law enforcement, community policing, and the necessity for positive interactions between police officers and the communities they serve. For this very reason, our class has chosen a class project that reaches out to those who need us the most during the upcoming holiday season.

The Children's Farm Home (in Corvallis) is home to upwards of 70 kids ranging from 10-17 years of age. The kids living in this facility have a range of mental health challenges including depression, bipolar disorder, PTSD, self-harm behaviors, and other conditions caused by genetics, biology, environment, and trauma. These are children that were abused, neglected, and given up on.

These children are walking a fine line between trouble and foster care. We want to show these kids that police officers are people they can count on; that we are normal people just like them. We want to show them it is possible to have positive interactions with police and that we do care about them."



"Horsing Around" In Traffic Hillsboro Officer Provides a Police Escort Home

On the afternoon of November 16, Hillsboro Police Officers were dispatched to NW Cornell Road and 231st regarding a horse on the loose. The horse was found wandering in rush hour traffic and creating quite a scene.

A nearby citizen assisted by lending officers something to capture the horse. Eventually the owner was located and Officer Kelly Hickman walked the horse home!

The recruits travel to the Children's Farm Home in December to meet the kids; bringing pizza/drinks to break the ice, followed by decorating Christmas stockings! Each child receives their own stocking to decorate, eventually stuffed with goodies. The recruits are looking forward to several activities and personal interaction the kids.

The recruit's hope: *"...to bring so much joy to these children who often feel forgotten and alone during the holidays. ...to prove to them that there are still people who care for them and haven't forgotten."*

Officer Support

(continued)

they had shaken hands in their first introduction. "You shook my hand and it was the first time anybody had touched me in over a year."

Officer Kelsey is recognized for his professionalism and efficiency in completing his job, but more importantly, for his empathy in dealing with a person *in crisis*. His actions went above and beyond in helping another human in need.

Officer Kelsey's actions exemplify the Hillsboro Police Department's belief in compassionate policing.

Officer Kelsey has received our department's first-ever Patrol Pin award; it's intent, to recognize patrol officers for their outstanding actions in the field.



Package Thieves *Waiting for Your Delivery*

by Julie Carrasco, *Crime Prevention Specialist*

Like clockwork, package thieves gear up for their busy holiday season; following delivery trucks and carefully scoping out porches. But don't be fooled. They lurk year-round.

This year, please consider stealing a thief's opportunity to steal from you.

If you're expecting gifts through the U.S. Postal Service, FedEx, U.P.S. or other carrier, and you're not home during the day or on a regular basis, make arrangements to have them delivered to a trusted neighbor, or to your workplace.

Oh, and if you're sending packages to friends and family, be sure you let them know. That way, they can be watching for their arrival.

If you're expecting a package and don't receive it in a timely manner, check with the carrier. If it's been delivered and you didn't get it, be sure to report it to police.

Even if you're not expecting a delivery, you can help expose thieves. It starts with knowing your neighbor; knowing who *belongs* with the home. Then, if you see someone you don't *know* taking a package from your neighbor's porch step, call police; don't confront them.

A crime in progress? Call 9-1-1. If you're reporting a stolen package after the fact, call non-emergency at 503-629-0111.

Canine Therapy (continued)

Earlier this year, Pam and her Labrador Retriever, Abbott (pictured on the previous page) completed the 40-hour DVRT volunteer training at HPD, along with a Psychological First Aid course sponsored by the US Department of Health and Human Services. Pam and Abbott will be an additional resource to our HPD DVRT advocates and officers in providing crisis response services to survivors of domestic violence crimes, including children.

The DVRT volunteer program has been part of HPD's response to domestic violence in our community since 2004. Our contact with survivors are intended to facilitate their transition into other, more extensive and long-lasting services. DVRT volunteers offer services appropriate to the circumstances of the survivor, including immediate crisis intervention, allowing the them to vent and to express what their most important concerns are at the time, safety planning, both on an immediate and longer-term basis, information about the criminal justice system, including arrest and bail procedures, release orders, availability of protective orders and location of those services, and referrals to needed community resources, including shelter, counseling, food, and medical care.

Hillsboro Police believes *community policing* includes a comprehensive view of why crime happens, and tries to focus services on not only enforcing the laws, but changing the factors that lead people to break laws. We know education, outreach, and services to survivors are the best ways to prevent future abuse. We also know therapy pets, like Abbott, can provide a calming presence and reassurance that complement our human team members.

When not *on the job*, Abbott loves frolicking with his dog brother, taking walks, playing/reading with children and lying under a tree smelling the scents. Pam enjoys gardening, reading, traveling, the Oregon Ducks and laughing with family and friends. They are excited about volunteering with HPD's Domestic Violence Response Team, and we are thrilled to have them join us!



Limited Visibility

Cyclists, Please Reflect Safety When You Ride

by Sergeant Diana Foesch, *Traffic Division*



Winter comes with less daylight, more rain, fog and the last of multicolored leaves falling off the trees onto the roadway. Bottom line, visibility is greatly diminished, even during the dawn and dusk hours.

For cyclists who ride during this season, please wear visible reflective gear and your helmet; and use lights on your bicycle, especially at night - it's the law.

Just wearing light colored clothing is not enough for cyclists who ride in darkness. You could be wearing white but in the darkness it is still dark. One of the best ways to be seen is reflective gear. It could be as simple as a reflective vest with reflective tape on

it. Anyone wearing reflective gear can be seen from a much farther distance than light colored clothing. Think about how many times you are driving and you have noticed someone walking or riding a bike who was wearing reflective gear.

Oregon law requires lighting on your bicycle and it's to be used during limited visibility conditions. Cyclists are required to have a white light on the front of their bike visible from at least 500-feet to the front, as well as a red reflector or red light at the rear of the bike to be visible from 600-feet away.

Finally, for everyone's safety, cyclists are to follow the same rules of the road as motorists. They must ride with the flow of traffic, and stop at stop signs and traffic lights. If these or other traffic laws are violated, cyclists are subject to a citation, just like a motorist.

The biggest advice, don't ever trust that a car sees you. You have to be diligent in your own safety.

Do You Have Clear Sight of the Light?

You're driving along, approaching a green light. There's a big truck in front of you, and suddenly you can't see the light anymore. Is it still green? Must be....I think???

It's a big gamble. You might get through on the green; but what if it's turned red by the time you can see the light again and you've already entered the intersection? At the least you could face a traffic ticket or worse, compromise your safety, the safety of your passengers or others. Is where you're going worth it? Please wait for clear sight of the light!





Abandoned Shopping Carts *Help Them Find Their Way Home*

by Officer Tony Casker, *Code Enforcement*

Have you ever wondered how some shopping carts migrate blocks or miles from the stores they belong too? Sometimes those without cars use shopping carts to transport more than just food. Sometimes they are used to transport personal belongings to unknown remote locations. Then the carts are left abandoned on the street, sidewalk, or yards near your neighborhood or one you drive by. Carts are left empty or at times filled with junk.

However, there is a solution to the plight of the lonely abandoned shopping cart! If you see a shopping cart belonging to Fred Meyer, Safeway, Albertsons, Winco, QFC, or Whole Foods, you can call the Northwest Grocery Association Cart Retrieval Service at 1-888-55-CARTS (1-888-552-2787), and follow the automated prompts.

However, other stores do not participate in this program. So then, what do you do?

Unfortunately, there is no city municipal code that specifically addresses shopping carts on the public right-of-way or private property, as they are not considered solid waste. The City is concerned when groups of carts impede right-of-way areas such as a street or sidewalk.

You can call non-participating stores yourself, and ask them kindly to pick up their cart(s). If that's not successful, Hillsboro Code Enforcement will, as a courtesy, contact store managers and strongly recommend pick-up and removal for carts in City right-of-way, on a compliant basis.

Code Enforcement *A Complaint-Driven Approach*

Livability issues that center around nuisances and blight rank among the top concerns for residents. Hillsboro Code Enforcement works hard to ensure those concerns are addressed, first with education, and as a last resort with enforcement.

If you have a nuisance or City Code concern in your neighborhood, please contact non-emergency dispatch to report it. You will need to leave your name, address and phone number, as well as the address of where the issue is occurring.

Complaints are proactively addressed if they are related to:

- Violations which present an imminent threat to children and/or public health and safety or the environment.
- Graffiti abatement
- Parking violations
- Violations of City Code which are equivalent to a crime or violation as outlined in the Oregon Revised Statutes.

Most other code violations require a citizen-generated official complaint. If you have a Code complaint not requiring immediate attention, you may also call 503-615-6645.



Freezing Your Credit

A Cool Tip to Minimize Your Risk of Identity Theft

Preventing *identity theft* is nearly impossible. So, we're left with doing what we can to minimize our risk. One tool to consider is placing a *freeze* on your credit.

A *credit freeze* will block access to your credit report, in most instances. Why is that important? Because most creditors won't extend new credit unless they can look at your credit file with one of the three reporting agencies - Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion.

To place a freeze on your credit, you must contact each of the agencies. If/when you apply for new credit, a job, renting, or the like, you can have the *freeze* lifted temporarily for a fee.

The cost of a *credit freeze* is nominal, but can vary. Generally it's five to ten-dollars.

Freezing your credit will not protect your existing credit accounts. It also will not prevent you from receiving those pre-screened offers. To do that, call 1-888-5OPTOUT (1-888-567-8688) or optoutprescreen.com

Sox from Cops

by Brandi Gilbert,
Crime Prevention Specialist

A Benefit for Project Homeless Connect

Washington County Project Homeless Connect is part of a nationwide movement to assist the homeless in accessing services while engaging the larger community in finding a solution for homelessness. Hillsboro Police is excited to once again be part of this daylong event that brings volunteers together to connect homeless individuals with critical services and resources.

On Friday, January 29, 9 am – 3 pm at Sunrise Church, Hillsboro, resources will be available to those who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. During this one day event, people will have access to free dental, vision and medical care, showers, haircuts, clothing and more.

In anticipation of the event, the HPD Crisis Intervention Team is seeking donations from the community for NEW socks in all shapes and sizes for officers to hand out to attendees.

If you'd like to help with the "Sox from Cops" project, you can drop off any NEW pair of socks at the Hillsboro Police Department, 250 SE 10th Avenue until Friday, January 22. Warm, dark colored socks for men, women and children are the best. Thank you in advance!





Community Outreach



SPLASH! Students Pursuing Leadership and Serving Hillsboro

This Parks and Rec middle school leadership group makes a visit to Hillsboro Police to learn more about law enforcement in their community.



CHOPPED!



Hillsboro Police helped judge some deliciously creative food dishes during Rosewood Park Retirement's "Chopped" contest, based off the television show.

There were four teams, each made up of a local celebrity chef, culinary college student, local high school student, and Rosewood Park resident.





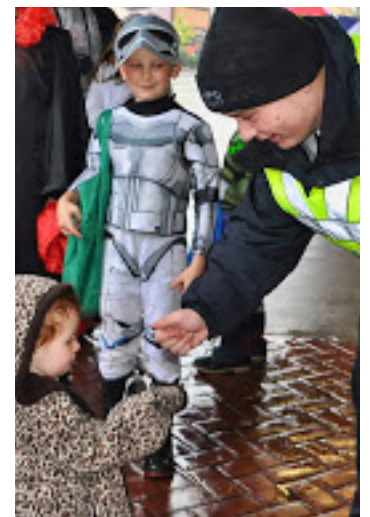
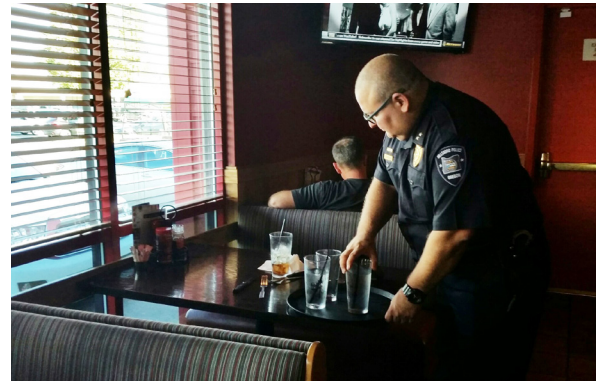
Community Outreach

Tip a Cop

Hillsboro Police served up meals and bussed tables for tips at the annual Tip a Cop event at the Red Robin Esplanade - a benefit for Oregon Special Olympics.

18 restaurants participated statewide. Our location raised \$3900!!!

Proceeds help pay for uniforms, equipment, practice venues, and travel.



Community Outreach "Shop with a Cop"

The Hillsboro Police Officers' Association in partnership with Sunset Fred Meyer and Parr Lumber bring a little Christmas joy to kids in our community.





Community Outreach

More Dates to
be Announced
Soon!



Hillsboro Police Officers connect with community members over a cup of coffee at the Civic Center Starbucks. There's no agenda at this 'no host' event. They just talk about whatever is on their mind.

SHRED EVENT



12 TONS of personal papers shredded!

NEXT SHRED EVENT
Saturday, May 7

DRUG TURN-IN



584 pounds of drugs collected!

NEXT DRUG TURN-IN
Spring 2016



Looking Ahead



Citizens' Academy

FREE, 12 week class for community members

When you think of a police department, perhaps some of the first images that come to mind are a uniform and a badge. That certainly paints part of the picture. However, there's so much more to see!

You can get a first-hand look at law enforcement, and learn why officers make the decisions they do by attending the 2016 Hillsboro Police Department Citizens' Academy. You'll see it takes more to operating an effective police department than just enforcement of the law. And that behind the badge, there's a person looking to make a difference in the community.

Classes begin February 4

Thursday evenings through April 21

6:30 pm - 10 pm; pre-registration required

For more information, call 503-681-5207 or email earleen.reimann@hillsboro-oregon.gov



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Better manage your rental property • Network with landlords • Partner with law enforcement

December 9

New Laws: A Summary of the 2015 Changes to the Oregon Landlord Tenant Act

January 13

Tales From a Full Moon: More Crazy, But True Stories

February 10

It's Not a Pet: Understanding Fair Housing Issues Regarding Animals

Landlord Forums

Brought to you by
Warren Allen LLP and the Westside Crime Prevention Coalition

Portland Community College - Willowcreek
241 SW Edgeway Drive, Beaverton

6:30 - 8 pm

FREE; No Pre-Registration Required



Numbers to Know

EMERGENCIES 9-1-1

Non-Emergency Dispatch
503-629-0111

Hillsboro Records Division
503-681-6175

Hillsboro Mediation
Services 503-615-6651

Hillsboro Code Enforcement
503-615-6645

Hillsboro Domestic
Violence Program Services
503-615-6740

Interagency Gang
Enforcement Team (IGET)
503-846-5850

Westside Interagency
Narcotics Team (WIN)
503-846-5650

City of Hillsboro
503-681-6100

HPD Website
Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/police

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Community Enhancement Team

CET is committed to working with its residential and business partners to facilitate community excellence through safety education, crime prevention, problem-solving, and resource assistance.

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